Good day,

Recently, Chairman Ajit Pai of the Federal Communications Commission proposed that net neutrality is unnecessary and deconstructive to progress for the Internet. I vehemently am opposed to this proposal. Net neutrality is crucial to a free and open internet. He also suggested that companies such as Comcast would "agree" to put in their terms and conditions (which can be changed at any time) that they would not give a fast-lane for their products or services, or to any websites or apps that pay them to provide a fast-lane. To me, it is near impossible to trust Comcast, Verizon, and the like to follow this agreement. Chairman Pai's argument is that this is merely a "hypothetical." I would argue that we have rules and laws because of any potential, or hypothetical, situation. If we do not have net neutrality, and therefore follow Title II, then we have lost a major part of our democracy - free and equal access to the Internet, which was given status as a basic human right by the United Nations, of which we are a permanent member on the security council.

Please ensure that the Internet continues to follow Title II and that net neutrality remains the law of the land for decades to come.

Thank you for reading,

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